PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Paulus Pieter DE WIT et al.

Application No.: New U.S. National Stage of

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For: DEPOLYMERIZATION OF WATER SOLUBLE POLYSACCHARIDES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.